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Dear Chairman Abney and Members of the House Finance Committee:

I am writing in support of H 5012. Here is why. I got a call from a woman whose mother, who lives with dementia, is at the Zambarano Hospital. I spoke with her uncle, who is the patient's brother. She is doing well there, but previously, when she was in nursing homes, she had many falls and broken bones due to a lack of sufficient staffing, and an inability to get her to take appropriate medication and food. Especially when the state may be inappropriately seeking to discharge people from the state hospitals, as is the case with this woman, the nursing homes need to be prepared to give a higher level of care than they are currently set up for. The woman in question is not able to dress or feed herself. H 5012 may not be the total solution for people currently in the state hospitals, but it is a step forward for those in nursing homes.

Thanks,

Charlie

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Representing the sentiments of Oasis